

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are currently pending in the patent application. The Examiner has rejected all of the claims under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over the teachings of the Donath article. Applicants herein present a Declaration of Prior Invention in accordance with section 1.131, with supporting documentation showing that the invention was invented prior to July 2003, the earliest effective date of the Donath article.

Based on the previously-submitted amendments and remarks, and in light of the fact that the Donath article is not prior art to the claimed invention, as supported by the appended Declaration of Prior Invention, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections, and issuance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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